

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
June 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Interim Township Manager stated that the meeting was being recorded for future broadcast.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

WORKSESSION TOPICS

1. Fire Department Training Building Discussion

Brandon Raquet, Assistant Chief of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD), oversees training of the WVFD. He then described some of the training they hold in and out of house.

Mr. Raquet stated that the WVFD makes sure that the drill nights are useful and people want to be there. He highlighted the 41-person-average-attendance on drill nights, which is some of the highest in the County.

Mr. Raquet indicated that burn drills are held at facilities outside the township. The County facility, which they often use, is approximately 40 minutes away from the township which takes the volunteers away from the township at times when they might be needed.

WVFD also requires active interior burn training once a year to be qualified to go into a building.

Mr. Raquet finished up with asking the township to help with the permits and location identification. He specifically identified Nike Park as a potential location for the burn site.

The WVFD would like to use the shipping container version, securing it with a fence and adding lighting for better training at night.

Mr. DeLello commented that a training facility makes sense but is concerned about size and the intended use of Nike Park. This might include restrictions on the open space land. He was also concerned about safety surrounding the site.

Mr. Raquet responded that much of the air quality risk would be mitigated by not burning furniture or other carcinogens.

Mr. DeLello also voiced concern that the timing was too quick to make an informed decision.

Mr. Raquet then informed the Supervisors that support from the township would be minimal.

Mr. Quigley clarified the size of the concrete pad and asked about the scheduling of other facilities.

Mr. Raquet indicated that scheduling has not been much of an issue.

Mr. Quigley then asked about the ability to run classes.

Mr. Raquet indicated that they would be able to run Firefighter 1 courses.

Mr. Betz clarified that stakeholder management would need to be utilized. He also suggested that other groups could train at the facility as well.

Mr. DeLello suggested that the township investigate if there are any obvious obstacles like deed restrictions.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.